Restart of production at R.A.P.P.

†1021. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production has stopped in the first unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (R.A.P.P.), Rawatbhata since October, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the production would restart; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to compensate the loss suffered by Rajasthan on account of permanent closure of the first unit of R.A.P.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The unit has been shut down for detailed assessment of its health and techno-economic evaluation for its refurbishment.

(c) It is premature at this stage to fix any time frame for the commencement of operation of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station Unit 1 as the detailed evaluation is still underway.

(d) The State of Rajasthan has an allocation from the Narora Atomic Power Station (NAPS) in addition to share from Rajasthan Atomic Power Station units 2 to 4.

FDI proposals

1022. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of FDI proposals are under consideration of Government in the coal mines sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals, State-wise;

(c) the status of those proposals; and

(d) the number of proposals presently running with FDI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No such proposals for FDI approval are pending for consideration of FIPB at present.

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